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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

It has been twenty years since we met so I doubt whether you remember me. I came to visit you and your wife in connection with a book I was writing about the murder of David Bruce's daughter. Since then I have become a biographer, while still teaching at Temple University. In all I have published twelve books.

Your Whitewash books had an enormous influence on me. Indeed the subject of the Kennedy assassination remained buried deep, but writing my own memoir, which I have just completed, somehow made me return to the person I was in the sixties and seventies. I am now just embarked on a biography of Jim Garrison, and hope very much that I might spend a little time with you once more. I will of course bring with me your Oswald in New Orleans.

It would be my very greatest pleasure to invite you and your wife to lunch on a date convenient for you (a Friday, Saturday or Sunday would be best since I'm teaching the equivalent of five courses this semester). Jim Lesar spoke of you to me last night as well. I hope this will be possible.

With admiration, and the hope that we will be meeting again very soon,

Sincerely,

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If you would be interested, I'd love to bring you a copy of my own last book, a dual biography of Lillian Hellman and Dashiell Hammett.